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November 28, 1986

Mr. James A. Stewart
3184 South 8240 West
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Re: Antelope #1 Claim, DOE/003/005, Box Elder County, Utah

The Division is in receipt of your recent letter (received November 21, 1986) requesting the Division provide an estimate of your reclamation responsibility for the above referenced operation under the guidelines of House Bill 71.

I have enclosed a copy of the Division's proposed rules attendant to H. B. 71. Note that the proposed rules are divided into three separate sections: Exploration, Small Mining Operations, and Mining Operations. The drawings contained in your letter indicate that your operation will probably fall within the "Small Mining Operation" category. The specific requirements for reclamation of these operations start on page 5 of that section (Rule R613-004-107, Reclamation Plan).

Proposed Rule R613-004-109 (Surety) states that the total amount required for reclamation surety for Small Mining Operations will be \$2,000.00 per acre of affected area unless site specific conditions warrant adjustment by the Division. Although we were unable to accurately determine the affected acreage of your proposed operation from the information submitted to this office, \$2,000.00 per acre appears to be a reasonable estimate of reclamation costs for this site.

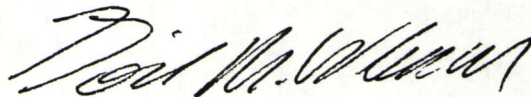
Because you have a valid Declaration of Exemption (DOE), a reclamation bond is not required by this Division for your current mine operation. However, as outlined in our letter of July 18, 1986, the Division will notify those operators having

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approved DOE applications on file of the new filing provisions when the proposed rules are finalized and promulgated by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

I hope this information answers the majority of your questions and concerns in this matter. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David M. Wham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent.

David M. Wham
Reclamation Hydrologist

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Enclosure(s)
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